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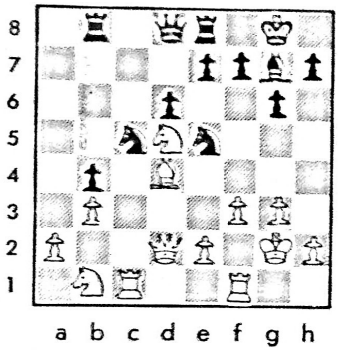

M. Sprague/S. Turmo
1987 ND CLOSED
Black to move and win.

Impressions of the ND Closed...

Nice, close, well organized tourney. Once again a tip of the hat to LaMoyne Splichal... I thought that there was a nice turnout even if I didn't see a few familiar faces. Once again the "A" class section was very strong... if you can hold your own in it..you will be doing quite well. Most of the time, when they were not fighting off challenges from 'below',(and that not always successfully!), the A's were busy raising lumpity-bumpitys on each other! Ron Schauer put on a magnificent showing for the first three rounds...3-0!...and having the lead allto himself. Also the first day left not a few playing 'just for respect'...I know the feeling well. I played to avoid that up-down, up-down feeling..'cause it is so irritating. ...anyway for the first three rounds found myself at 2½...as did S. Turmo. ..and we were more fortunate than some,(the defending champ. did not join us...). Steve Turmo, the only one above class A played extremely well. Who says there is no humor in chess.. Schauer who beat Lietel on the White side of a King's Gambit essayed 1....e5 to Turmo's 1. e4 and promptly found himself on the Black side (perhaps Turmo didn't feel like discussing a Petroff...)..1-0! Meanwhile in round two having played well(?-I think I was just fortunate!) vs. Zipf's Kings Indian Attack faced it again in Round Four vs. Ness...and was fortunate once more.(I had this system I wanted to try out... and it sure got a good workout!) Now it cannot be that the King's Gambit is that superior to the Kings Indian Attack!

And then, after four rounds it was just Turmo and me at 3½...(thank you Steve, but I would have rather have played Schauer in Rd. five...if only cause I can understand his style...)...and then it was just Turmo at 4½. Well deserved, and congradulations. Second best, and in many ways 'very interesting'...was Jerry Triggs. He shared one common feature with [redacted] me...we drew each other. (ev. three wins and two draws = 4.) To tell the truth I have never seen a player, esp. an "A" player, wade into more trouble in the opening...and then extract himself in the middle-game.so skillfully. He was a whole Bishop down in his forth game...so a lot of us 'assumed' that he was losing...not so! we came back and his opponent's extra bishop had 'disappeared' ...not knowing what happened one might say that he is not only a good chess player but also a good magician! One "A" player,(who should have known better), gave a draw in rd. 3..

29. Bf2, R42
30. Rc7+, Kg8
31. Rc8+, Draw

Just when I actually began to believe that I might win this game I underestimated whites counterplay on my king. After a quick analysis it is easy to see that there is no escape from perpetual check on the 7th and 8th ranks because the h7 square is guarded and Kf7, 32. Rc7+, Ke8 33. Rc8+, Ke7 34. Rc7+, Kd6 loses to Rd7+ The nice thought about this game is the fact that Schulien had to squeeze me for the draw, not vice versa.

3RD PROLETARIAN UPRISING Nov. 15, 1986 (PIERRE, So. DAK.)

[illegible] FALK 2189 BLACK: RICK CASE 1827 Rd. 1 GIUOCO PIANO

. e4, e5; 2. Nf3, Nc6; 3. Bc4, Bc5; 4. c3, Nf6; 5. d4, ed4:; 6. cd4:, Bb4+ . Nc3 (the alternative 7. Bd2 avoids gambiting a pawn but allows black an easier game after 7. Bd2, Bd2:+; 8. Nbd2:, d5!.) 7... Ne4:; 8. 0-0, Nc3: (8... Bc3: allows the Moeller Attack 9. d5 which isn't that frightening IF you know it.) 9. bc3:, d5! 9... Bc3: is suicidal after 10. Qb3, Ba1:?; 11. Bf7:+, Kf8; 12. Bg5, Ne7; 13. Ne5, Bd4: 14. Bg6!, d5; 15. Qf3+.) 10. cb4:, dc4:; 11. Re1+, Ne7 (11... Be6 loses to 12 d5) 12. Bg5, f6; 13. Bf4 [AN interesting try is 13. Qe2, Bg4 (13... fg5:; 14. Qe4: and white has a ton of play for the piece) 14. Bf4, Kf7; 15. Qe4:+, Nd5; 16. Nd2 (16. Be7:, Re8; 17. Bd8:, Re4: black is better) 16... Be6; 17. Bg3, Re8; 18. Ne4. and white is slightly better - Keres] 13... 0-0; 14. Qe2, Nd5 (14... Re8; 15. Qe4:+ winning a pawn) 15. Qc4:, Kh8; 16. Bg3 16... a6; 17. a4, Bg4; 18. Nd2, Bh5; 19. Ne4, Bf7?(19... f5; 20. Nd6, f4 leads to a win of piece. Now white gets a knight on d6 without a sacrifice) 20. Nd6, Qd7; 21. b5 (The minority attack crashes through) 21... cb5:; 22. ab5:, Nb6; 23. Qc5!, Nc8 (Attempting to dislodge the annoying knight, but it loses a pawn. A good move for black is hard to find, maybe 23... Kg8?) 24. Nb7:, Kg8; 25. Na5, Rd8; 26. Nc6, Re8; 27. h3 (Guarding the back-rank mates and preparing to win the a-pawn) 27... Re6; 28. Re6:, Be6:; 29. Nb8 29... Qf7; 30. Qc6, Nb6; 31. Re1 (Threatening the bishop and the e8 square) 31... Bd7 32. Nd7:, Qd7:; 33. Qd7:, Nd7:; 34. Re7, (Maybe 37. Ra1 is better tying up black's rook.) 34... Nb6 (Now the knight assumes the role of blockader) 35. Bd6 (Hemming in the king) 35... a6; 36. Bc5, Nc4; 37. b6, Rb8; 38. Ra7, Nb6:; 39. Ra6:, Nd5; 40. Ra7? (40. Rd6 in order to break the blockade.) 40... Rb1+; 41. Kh2, Rb2; 42. Kg3, Rb3; 43. Kg4, Rb2; 44. Kf3? (44. Kf5! infiltrating with subsequent mating nets.) 44... f5! (Cutting off the king) 45. g3, Nf6 (Heading for e4) 46. d5! (AN interesting pawn sac which just misses. The point is 46... Nd5:; 47. Bd4 threatening the rook and g7, and if completely ignored it could queen) 46... Rb5!; 47. Re7, Nd5:; 48. Rc6, Rb3+ ½-½

(ANNOTATIONS by RICK CASE, MINOT ND)

Senior High Section (grades 10-12) - 1987 ND Scholastic Chess

Chessplayer	Gr.	School/Team	Pre-No.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Pts.
1 Lane Stearns	12	Dickinson	(2)	W5	W9	W13	W3	W6	5
2 Dave Austin	12	Fargo Oak Grove	(10)	W8	W7	L6	W15	W11	4
3 Jon Deitz	12	Fargo Oak Grove	(3)	W21	D6	W11	L1	W13	3½
4 [illegible]	12	Fargo Oak Grove	(3)	W10	L11	W16	W8	D5	3½
5 [illegible]	12	Jamestown	(13)	L1	W14	W18	W13	D4	3½
5 Ken B. Adams	10	West Fargo "A"	(18)	W20	D3	W2	W7	L1	3½
5 Mark Domyann	12	Bis. Century	(4)	W19	L2	W12	L6	W15	3
8 Steve Harkness	10	West Fargo Ind.	(7)	L2	W19	W9	L4	W12	3
8 Jason Isaacson	11	West Fargo "B"	(15)	W18	L1	L8	W19	W14	3
8 Chris Stangeland	10	Belcourt	(21)	L4	W21	L14	W17	W20	3
10 Mark Poitra	12	West Fargo "A"	(5)	W22	D12	L3	W18	L2	2½
11 Steve Thomas	12	Fargo Oak Grove	(20)	W14	D11	L7	W21	L8	2½
12 Jason Craft	12	West Fargo "A"	(1)	W15	W4	L1	L5	L3	2
13 Mike Anderson	11	West Fargo "A"	(8)	L12	L5	W10	W16	L9	2
14 Shawn Sweeten	11	Belcourt	(11)	L13	W22	W17	L2	L7	2
15 Mike Belgarde	11	Belcourt	(16)	L17	W20	L4	L14	W21	2
16 Keith Wallette	11	Dickinson	(22)	W16	L18	L15	L10	Bye	2
17 Jamie Emerson	10	Belcourt	(6)	L9	W17	L5	L11	D19	1½
18 Rodney Gourneau	11	Dickinson	(14)	L7	L8	W20	L9	D18	1½
19 Kasey Myers	10	Bis. Century	(9)	L6	L16	L19	Bye	L10	1
20 Ross Williams	11	Dickinson	(12)	L3	L10	WF	L12	L16	1
21 Mike Grinsteiner	12	Bis. Century	(17)	L11	L15	LF	---	---	0
22 Eric Lorenz									

* Senior High Award Winners *

1st - Lane Stearns, Dickinson. Won Champ. Trophy, and 1 year memberships in the U.S. Chess Federation & N.D. Chess Association.

2nd - Dave Austin, Fargo Oak Grove. Won 2nd place tropny, and 1 year membership in ND Chess Association.

Team - Fargo Oak Grove. Players were Dave Austin, Jon Deitz, C. James Ladwig, & Jason Craft. They received champ. team trophy, and one year memberships in the N.D. Chess Association.

Bonus given to top 3 finisners was a free '87 ND Closed entry to use. Stearns, Austin, Deitz, Ladwig, Adams, & Domyann received invitations.

Notes: The pre-numbers above on the crosstable show students position at start of chess tournament. - Students Pre & Post USCF ratings sent by U.S. Chess Federation, will be mailed to players end of May. Thanks! Senior High Tmt. Section Director, LaMoyne Splichal.

Final Senior High Team Scores

13½ - Fargo Oak Grove (Ladwig, Deitz, Austin, Craft)
10 - West Fargo "A" (Anderson, Thomas, Sweeten, Domyahn)
9½ - Dickinson "Chairmen" (Stearns, Emerson, Myers, Grinsteiner)
8½ - Belcourt (Gourneau, Wallette, Belgarde, Poitra)
4 - Bismarck Century (Williams, Lorenz, Harkness)
3½ - Jamestown (Adams)
3 - West Fargo "B" (Stangeland)
3 - West Fargo Independent (Isaacson)

PROBLEMATICAL QUIZ ... by JOHN STANFIELD

SOLUTION

In position #1,Kaplan-Bronstein,Hastings1975-6,Black won with the elegant 24....,Rxd2!.Play continued 25.Rxd2,Rd8;26.Rd1,c4! and White resigned.After he runs out of pawn moves White must move either king or rook and lose a piece.

In position #2,Smyslov-Bronstein,Cleveland(Eng.)1975, Black won with the surprising 17....,Rxe1+;18.Bxe1,Nc3; 19.Nd2,Bd3! and White gave up.After 20.Bf3,Black plays 20....,e5;21.Bg3,e4;22.Bg4,f5;23.Bh3,Ne2+;24.Kh1,Nxg3; 25.p(either)xg3,Bc3 and wins the knight.After 20.Bg4,f5; and now 21.Bf3,e5;22.Bg3,e4 as above,or 21.Bh3,g5; 22.Bg3,g4.

Notes: The elementary section was a five round tourney, all games scheduled on Saturday, March 28. Students used basic tournament rules, event was non-rated... - In team standings, a few schools did not form four man teams. So the top 4 highest scorers counted as their school/team point total. - Brent Askvig, assisted by Stacey Askvig, superbly directed the 59 elementary students! - Thank you students for playing. We hope to see you again next year.

Elementary Team Standings

16½ - McClusky I
14 - Northridge "Green" (Bis.)
13 - Belcourt I (Bismarck)
13 - Dorothy Moses I (Bis.)
12½ - Belcourt II (Bismarck)
11 - McClusky III
11 - McClusky II
9 - Northridge "Gold" (Bis.)
8½ - Dorothy Moses II (Bis.)
6½ - Dorothy Moses III (Bis.)
7 - Roosevelt (Bismarck)
5 - Hebron (Hebron)
2½ - Burlington-Lee Lacr

Junior High Section (grades 7-9) - 1987 ND Scholastic Champ.

	Chessplayer	Gr.	School/Team	Pre-No.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Score
1	Mike Sailer	9	Bismarck Simle	(1)	W10	W9	W5	W2	W3	5
2	Chris Lindseth	7	Rugby	(2)	W15	W21	W3	L1	W6	4
3	Tim Odegaard	9	Dickinson	(16)	W7	W4	L2	W9	W10	4
4	Dan Gooden	9	Belcourt	(3)	W20	L3	W11	L10	W17	3
5	Earl Charboneau	7	Belcourt	(5)	L21	W15	W16	W18	L1	3
6	Steve Dorner	9	Dickinson	(6)	L13	W20	L18	W21	W11	3
7	John Engel	7	McClusky "A"	(7)	L3	W12	L13	W20	W18	3
8	Danny Fichtner	9	Dickinson	(8)	W16	W17	L1	W13	L2	3
9	Jason Gross	7	McClusky "A"	(10)	W18	L1	W17	L3	W13	3
10	Brian LaCount	7	Minot Nedrose	(11)	L1	W14	W21	W4	L3	3
11	Donald Alveshere	9	Maddock Public	(4)	W12	D13	L4	W14	L5	2½
12	Brandon Marsh	9	Dickinson	(14)	L11	L7	D14	W16	W21	2½
13	Bobby Peltier	7	Belcourt	(17)	W6	D11	W7	L8	L9	2½
14	Curt Wahl	7	McClusky "A"	(21)	Bye	L10	D12	L11	W19	2½
15	Janine Landseidel	8	McClusky "B"	(12)	L2	L5	W19	L17	Bye	2
16	Mike Peterson	7	McClusky "A"	(18)	L8	W19	L5	L12	W20	2
17	Lewis Schmidt	7	Bismarck Simle	(19)	W19	L8	L9	W15	L4	2
18	Brian Theusch	7	Minot Nedrose	(20)	L9	Bye	W6	L5	L7	2
19	Gary Gourneau	9	Belcourt	(9)	L17	L16	L15	Bye	L14	1
20	Stanley Leung	7	Bismarck Simle	(13)	L4	L6	Bye	L7	L16	1
21	Shane Menning	7	McClusky "B"	(15)	W5	L2	L10	L6	L12	1

* Junior High Award Winners *

1st - Mike Sailer, Bismarck Simle. Won Champ. Trophy, and 1 year memberships in the U.S. Chess Federation, and the N.D. Chess Assn.

2nd - Tim Odegaard of Dickinson, and Chris Lindseth of Rugby. Both won 1 year NDCA memberships, Tim Odegaard won 2nd place trophy on tiebreak points.

Team - Dickinson "The Gray Knights". Members were Steve Dorner, Danny Fichtner, Brandon Marsh, & Tim Odegaard. They received the championship team trophy, and 1 year memberships in NDCA.

Bonus given to top 3 finishers, was a free '87 ND Closed entry to use. Sailer, Lindseth, & Odegaard received invitations.

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Final Junior High Team Scores

12½	Dickinson "The Gray Knights"	(Dorner, Fichtner, Marsh, Odegaard)
10½	McClusky "A"	(Engel, Peterson, Gross, Wahl)
9½	Belcourt	(Gooden, Charboneau, Gourneau, Peltier)
8	Bismarck Simle	(Sailer, Leung, Schmidt)
5	Minot Nedrose	(LaCount, Theusch)
4	Rugby	(Lindseth)
3	McClusky "B"	(Menning, Landseidel)
2½	Maddock Public	(Alveshere)

SOLUTION TO COVER

After White's 25. N-b1... In the fifth round of the '87 closed it all came down to this. Black has a solid King position, a fianchettoed Bishop bearing down on a nice diagonal, and two nicely centralized Knights... which is not to suggest that he has anything approaching a win. White's position is quite solid, there is always that very isolated Knight pawn to play against...and something that wouldn't appear on any diagram. Black has given very carefull and full consideration to the position, but this has cost him approximately one hour and forty minutes of thinking time... and now has about twenty minutes left for twenty moves. (Unless it was just a fiendish bit of play acting...!).

I sat there thinking...(always fun to document how a mistake was made..!)..."You know, this position would be dead won for White, irregardless of whose move it was, If all the heavy pieces were gone right now."... Anyway, Steve now played 25. ...Ne5 ! , which is the way I marked it on my scoresard, ("The best move in the whole game",— Steve) 26. f4?(I had seen that 26.d4? failed to...b/c-d5...)..Ng4! 27. Rxe7+ Kxe7 ("This rook proved to be a life-saver..."Steve) 28. ...b2 29. Rb1 29. K-f1(K-a1) is no better...) Nf3+ (30.) resigns. 0-1. Oh well...there is always other tourneys and there will always be 'hungry' "A" players... H. Spraque

Chess Games Showcase

(Featured below are four games by Mike Sailer of Bismarck. Mike recently won the '87 state junior high champ., and scored an impressive 3½-2½ over some class A opponents, in Las Vegas.)

Zane Stearns (1380) - Mike Sailer (1665) Prairie Pawnstorm II, 1-11-87
1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 b6 3 Nf3 e6 4 g3 Bb4 5 Qb3?! Nc6 6 a3 Be7 7 d3 Bb7 8 Be3? (Better Bg2, Bf4, or Bg5) ...Ng4 (I thought Stearns would play Bd2, followed by 9...f5, gaining a nice kingside position and time. I was wrong.) 9 Bg2? Nxe3 10 fxe3 0-0 11 0-0 f5 (I wanted to get a quick kingside attack going. I was hoping to take advantage of his "misplaced Queen".) 12 Rad1 Qe8 13 d4 a6 14 Qc2 Qh5!? (Trying to get in position to mate him early.) 15 Na2? Rf6 16 Rf2 Rh6 (I was getting impatient...) 17 Bh1 Bd6 (Threatening Bxg3.) 18 Rg2 g5 19 e4 fxe4 20 Qxe4 Nd8 21 d5 g5 (At this time, I was in terrible time trouble that I overlooked this move. I thought I had won a pawn.) 22 Nb4 Be7 23 Nc3 (Better Rf1) ...Bxh4 24 gxh4 Rg6 25 f3 Rxg2+ 26 Kxg2 Qxh4 27 Rf3 Nf7 28 Rg3 Kg7 29 Qg4 Qxg4 30 Rxg4 gxd 31 Bxd5 c6 32 Bxf7? (Be4!) ...Kxf7 33 Rf4+ Kg7 34 Kh2 Rh8 35 Kxh3 g5 36 Rf5? (Rg4 would have done the trick.) ...Rxh4+ 37 Kg3 Rxc4 (I could not save my g pawn for the threat of his rook getting to the 8th rank.) 38 Rxg5+ Kf7 39 Rg4 Rxg4+ 40 Kxg4 b5 41 Kf4 c5 42 Ke5 Ke7 43 Nd5 Bxd5 44 Kxd5 c4 45 Kc5 Ka6 46 Kb6 d5 47 e3 (Bingo!) and the game was drawn on move 59. Good game Zane. (annotated by Mike Sailer)

Mike Sailer (1692) - Earl Charbonnau (Unr.) '87 ND Scholastic, Rd. 5:
1 e4 e5 2 d4 Qh4 3 Bd3 Qf6 4 Nf3 Qe7 5 0-0 Qb4 6 c3 Qb6 7 Nbd2 a5 8 Nc4 Qc6 9 Nfe5 Qb5 10 Ncd6+ Bxd6 11 Bxb5 c6 12 Bd3 f6 13 Qh5+ Ke7 14 Ng6+ hg6 15 Qxh8 Kf7 16 Qh7 a4 17 e5 fe5 18 Bxg+ Kf8 19 f4 ed 20 f5 e5 21 f6 Bxf6 22 Rxf6+ gf6 23 Qf7+ mate.

Mike Sailer (1665) - Gary D. Latta, Calif. (1943) 1987 National Open, Las Vegas: 1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 c4 Nb6 5 ed cd 6 Nc3 Nc6 7 d5 Be5 8 b3 Bf5 9 Nf3 Nxf3 10 Qxf3 g6 11 Bd3 Bxd3 12 Qxd3 Bg7 13 Bb2 0-0 14 0-0 Nd7 15 Rad1 Nc5 16 Qd2 a6 17 Rfe1 a5? 18 Nb5 Re8 19 Bxg7 Kxg7 20 Qd4+ Kg8 21 Re3 Na6 22 Rde1 Qd7 23 Qh4 f6 24 Rh3 h5 25 Nd4 Nc7 26 Rg3 Kg7 27 Re4 Rg8 28 Reg4 Raf8 29 Rh3 Qe8 30 Nf5! Qd7??? (g5...) 31 Qxh5!!! 1-0. 26...Kh7

Mike Sailer (1665) - Arthur Aikin, New Jersey (1889) '87 National Open Las Vegas: 1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 c4 Nb6 5 ed cd 6 Nc3 g6 7 Nf3 Bg7 8 b3 Nc6 9 Bb2 Bg4 10 Be2 0-0 11 d5 Ne5 12 Nxe5 Bxe2 13 Nxf7! Rxf7 14 Qxe2 Nd7 15 0-0 Qb6 16 Na4 Qc7 17 Bxg7 Kxg7 18 Rad1 Raf8 19 Rd3 Nf6 20 Nc3 Nh5 21 Qb2 Kg8 22 Ne4 h6 23 Rh3 Qd7 24 Ng3 Nxg3 25 Rxh6!! Rf6 26 hxg 1-0.

I said finally at the start of the last paragraph, but I can't forget to mention the North Dakota Chess Hall of Fame. Special congratulations to this years inductees, Colonel Abe Thompson and Oleg Kraav. (This is sad - did I spell that one right?) Both are well deserving of membership in the hall as both are pioneers of ND Chess. Colonel Thompson was a leader and patron in the growth of chess in the Fargo area, helping to promote chess along with Dr. Popel who is already in the Hall. And Mr. Kraav was the co-founder of the High-Noon Chess Club which provided the roots for the CDCC, which propelled the growth of chess in western North Dakota. We need more people like these to promote chess. One can always look to La Moyne Splichal, who is such an important part of the NDCA in so many ways. Or one can look to Ron Schauer for the same. One can look to Terry Ness for his tremendous efforts with the Scholastic, or Rick Case for all the support he gives in a variety of ways to organizers and directors. And one can look to Jerry Triggs and Steve Turmo, and John Stanfield, who not only show up to play but as well to teach. (Especially Jerry Triggs, who provides match competition that is directly responsible for the improved strength of players such as Mike Sailer, Steve Lengenfelder, and John Wetsch) You can look to any of these people to find examples of the qualities in the members of our Hall of Fame. And perhaps some day, we will see these and other names join the list in the Hall. But the bottom line is that if you want to see chess grow, you have to get involved. It isn't enough to have a few like those aforementioned. It has to be an effort by everyone. You don't have to do everything. But everybody has to do a little. If everyone helps to carry the load, then someday the NDCA membership will number in the thousands. But if it remains the effort of just a few, then the small efforts will be reflected in the small results. GIVE CHESS A BOOST. GET INVOLVED!

Joseph Gagner
Editor, NDCA NEWS
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About Chess... by LaMoyne Splichal

- The '87 ND Scholastic was another success, with 102 students competing March 28-29, at the Bismarck Doublewood Ramada Inn! Thanks goes out to Terry Ness, who managed the preliminary tournament set-up, and the behind-the-scenes footwork at the big event. Special thanks to the Bismarck Optimist Club, who co-sponsored scholastic, donating $100. Along with my post-tourney paperwork, I enjoyed directing at the Scholastic too! Thank you to the other directors at the Scholastic!
- A new state chess champion was crowned at the '87 ND Closed. Actually, the champ, Steve Turmo, is not so new, as Steve was also the 1981 & 1982 North Dakota Chess Champion! Readers can view the crosstable in the newsletter. Souvenir tournament booklets of the ND Closed games will be distributed to players this summer.
- At the close of the 1986-87 NDCA chess year, the treasury has a balance of $570.19. Because of our generous prize fund donations to past tmts., it is time to increase our membership. We only have 81 members now, let's promote NDCA to other chessplayers, so they know of upcoming events in North Dakota.
- I wish state chessplayers an enjoyable, relaxing summer! Good luck in all your future chess tournaments coming up.

CORRECTION TO SOLUTION ON LAST MONTH'S COVER

In the rush of getting the newsletter out, I once again erred in the creation of a problem. I forgot to put white's a-pawn back one square to a4. Mike Sailer called and pointed out that with the a-pawn on a5, the simple and obvious is permitted. To wit, white to move gives mate in two with 1)d8-queens +, Kb7, 2) Qdb6+ mate.

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Thank You. Let's play CHESS!

DID YOU KNOW???

The North Dakota Closed has been held 14 times now. There are two players who have participated in everyone. They are Ron Schauer and Marvin Johnson. Way to go, you two. Hope both of you keep your string alive for many years to come.

North Dakota Chess Association
Annual Membership Meeting - April 11, 1987

President Ron Schauer opened the 1987 NDCA annual meeting, calling the membership to order. Pres. Schauer moved that the usual Robert's Rules of Order be waived for meeting, which was passed.

Secretary-Treasurer LaMoyne Splichal noted last year's minutes in March '87 newsletter. Brent Askvig moved approval of the minutes, John Stanfield seconded the motion. Before the ND Closed, the NDCA treasury had approximatelay $730. A detailed treasurer's report will be in a future newsletter.

The NDCA membership voted and passed the following: 1) a donation of $200 given to the 1988 ND Closed, and 2) a $200 donation also to the 1987 ND Open in Fargo, for their prize fund.

A proposal was made requesting that Mr. Somner Sorenson direct the 1988 North Dakota Closed. (The tournament committee would ask him.) The membership voted & passed NDCA pay for Somner Sorenson's weekend expenses (lodging, gas, food, etc.).

Membership voted & passed paying for LaMoyne's weekend lodging, directing the '87 ND Closed.

Terry Ness, chief organizer of the '87 ND Scholastic, noted we had another successful tournament. (see story of scholastic in this issue.)

Pres. Schauer appointed Cal Wipf & Cam Starr co-captains of North Dakota's team, for the International Team Match, June 28 in Fargo. The annual event matches Canadians, Minnesotans, as well as North Dakotans in a team style tmt. An individual tornado is also held on June 27, same site.

Elections: Pres. Schauer opened nominations for President-Elect. Joe Gagner of Bismarck was nominated, and elected to the office. --- LaMoyne Splichal of Dickinson was nominated, and re-elected again to the office of Secretary Treasurer.

New Business: After review by the NDCA Governing Board, two names were petitioned to the membership for ND Chess Hall of Fame inductees. Pres. Schauer nominated, (Askvig seconded) and reported about the past work in chess, of Mr. Olev Kraav of Bismarck. NDCA membership voted Olev Kraav into the ND Chess Hall of Fame! - Cal Wipf nominated, (Splichal seconded) and reported about Colonel Abe M. Thompson, who resided in Fargo, now living in Las Vegas. After the reading, the NDCA membership voted Col. Abe Thompson into the ND Chess Hall of Fame!

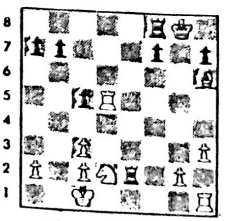
Don Alveshere moved the meeting be adjourned, Cal Wipf seconded the motion. Pres. Schauer then closed the '87 NDCA annual meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, LaMoyne Splichal NDCA Secretary-Treasurer.

NORTH DAKOTA CHESS HALL OF FAME

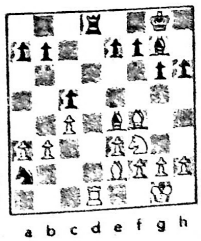
Stephan A. Popel 1983 ♔	Olev Kraav 1987 ♔	Abe M. Thompson 1987 ♔

PROBLEMATICAL QUIZ . . by JOHN STANFIELD



Position #1

Position #2



In both of these positions Black is to play and win. Can you solve them? Can you guess the author of these two combinations?? See elsewhere in this issue for the solution.

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Spring has sprung, and rising temperatures were in plain site with the recent, hotly contested ND Closed. There is a fresh feeling in the air, and the state championship gave testimony to that fact with a refreshing turnout of 34 players. It could have been better, but 3 players had to cancel plans to attend, including Dr. Popel who had to stay home for health reasons. Nothing serious except for doctor's orders and no travel. Nevertheless, best wishes go out to Dr. Popel with the sincere hope that he can make other tourneys in the future and continue to give the rest of the state lessons in what it means to be a master of chess. As for all who made the recent Closed the most successful one in 4 or 5 years, thank you for responding to the call of the NDCA for participation. It was a very welcome site to see the resurgence.

With the advent of spring come several communications, tidings, news, or what have you. The return to North Dakota of Reuben Lukke is a welcome addition of another strong player, as I regrettably learned in a somewhat jolting manner, as I was one of his victims at the Closed. Elsewhere in this issue, you will find a game that Reuben considers the best of his career, testimonial to the fact that he is nobody's pushover. Balanced against that good news is the sad news that we are going to lose the presence of another strong player in Brent Askvig. Brent, his wife Stacy, and their family are moving to Idaho, where Brent has accepted a new position in his teaching career. Involved as an organizer, director, and player, Brent will be sorely missed. And as well, so will Stacy who has provided such a helping hand and cheerful countenance at various tourneys, including the Scholastics of the past few years. We hate to lose you two but wish each of you the best in your new home and jobs. As well, when you get there, make sure you set a few Idahoans, Idahoes, Ida-ho-dowas, or whatever they call themselves, on their chessie ears. Not to be insulting to another state that we respect, but they are taking away a good friend and gaining at our expense!

The recent return of Mike Sprague to the by-lines of the Newsletter was underscored by his presence at the Closed, and it is clear that during his absence, he has been keeping in shape on the board. His tie for 3rd place is a hopeful sign of even more competition in the future. Glad to see you again, Mike, and keep your contributions coming.

Special congrats to the state champions crowned recently. Steve Tumo is back in form as the winner of the Closed. Zane Stearns of Dickinson is the new Sr. high Scholastic Champion. Mike Sailer won his 2nd consecutive Jr. high Scholastic championship, after a stunning performance at the National Open with 3½ pts. And the Elementary Champions included a girl!! Her name is Mystal Evanger. I hope I spelled that right. Co-champion with her was Kipp Sparrow Both are from McClusky.

Finally, it is not possible to congratulate the champions without mentioning the improvement of other players that makes the title of Champion meaningful to those who hold it. I was proud to win a tourney a couple months back, in Dickinson, and thought it was a sign that I was finally about ready to make a move upwards. Instead I got a rude awakening at the Closed, where I faced stiff competition in every single game. I expected that from Terry Ness, and as well from Reuben Lukke. But I didn't expect to get taken to the cleaners by Neil Wenberg, Rex Kriesterman, or Philip Kim. Kim was an unrated who I had to learn the hard way, has a 1400+ rating in Canada (roughly equivalent to 1600+, here in the States.) Wenberg pushed me into blundering while trying to find a better square for a rook, and it suddenly vanished into thin air. I ended with a draw but had to fight like the dickens and was still lucky to get that much. And Rex let me have a pawn but obtained in exchange a stronger position that almost prevailed, until I once again got lucky and his concentration slipped.

Even though he didn't do well pointwise at the Closed, Rex proved that his improvement is marked, and it is only a matter of time before he shows that his postal rating is no fluke. I don't know if he is overrated or not in postal chess, but he is definitely stronger than his rating indicates in OTB competition.

Olev Kraav and Abe Thompson Named to NDCA CHESS HALL OF FAME

Two nominees were placed for consideration before the membership of the NDCA, at the state meeting which was held at the Y Lanes in Bismarck on April 11th, 1987, for inclusion in the ND Chess Hall of Fame. The following is an excerpt from each of the nominating speeches.

Ron Schauer of Jamestown, ND, nominated Olev Kraav, of Bismarck, ND. "Olev has been playing chess in North Dakota since the late fifties. He was a co-founder of the High Noon Chess Club in 1961. Anyone familiar with chess in the western part of the state is aware that the High Noon Chess Club was the foundation for the Central Dakota Chess Club which has been a mainstay for Western Dakota Chess for many years. In the late fifties he carried a rating in the 1600's and 1900's. Olev was born in northeast Russia, in Estonia. He is considered to be the grandfather of chess in the Bismarck-Mandan area."

Cal Wipf of Fargo, ND, made the nominating speech for Colonel Abe "Abe Thompson was born in Iowa, but came to North Dakota in about 1965. He was a career Air Force man who flew the regulation 35 flights over Europe in World War II, and then volunteered for a few more to boot. This is of special interest to those of us in the NDCA, beacause he flew one mission over Europe. (I believe it was the 1st 1000 plane raid, and it was over Vienna Austria.) Stefan Popel had escaped from Poland via Russia and then slowly made his way via the underground, across Europe. Dr. Popel was in Vienna at the same time as the raid and later commented to Colonel Thompson that he was on the ground dodging some of those bombs! Colonel Thompson was more interested in chess as a patron than a player. He is remembered as the man who organized the first chess clubs in the Fargo, ND, school system, starting the clubs at Fargo South, Fargo Shanley, etc. After coming to Fargo, he upgraded the level of chess in North Dakota to a level never before seen in North Dakota. He was the founder of the Bison Open of which this year's event was the 22nd. He was instrumental in getting Milwaukee master William Martz to come to Fargo to play in our tournaments and give exhibitions. Remembered as well for cheese and wine parties that he and his wife, Doris, gave at tourneys, he was an organizer, director, and promoter that will long be remembered."

As players, organizers, directors, promoters, and pioneers, these two gentlemen are an important part of the history of chess in North Dakota, and were elected unanimously to join Dr. Stefan Popel in the North Dakota Chess Hall of Fame.

Joseph J. Gagner
NDCA NEWS

(Jerry Triggs of Mandan, also attended the '87 Las Vegas National Open. He scored 4-2 in the Reserve Section (under 2000), winning his first four games in the tournament! Here is Jerry's match in round one, an interesting tough encounter.) Annotations by J. Triggs.

Triggs (1972) - Tom Allen (1655), Reno NV - '87 Nat'l Open: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e5?! 3 de Ng4 4 Nf3 Bc5 5 e3 Nc6 6 a3 a5 7 Qa4?! Nxe5 8 Nc3 Nxe5 9 Nxe5 Nxe5 10 Ne4 Qe7 11 Nxc5 Qxc5 12 Bd2 0-0 13 Bc3 d6?! 14 Bd4 Qc6 15 Qc2 Ra8 16 Rc1 Be6? 17 c5 Bd5 18 f3 Bxf3?! 19 cd Qxd6 20 Qxc7 Qxc7 21 Rxc7 Rfe8 22 gxf3 Nxf3+ 23 Kf2 Nxd4 24 exd4 Rad8 25 Bc4 Resigns. 1-0. - By move 18 I had turned it around but I was feeling the heat earlier. What would you do on 18 f3 for Black's next move? -

Elementary Section (grades 1-6) - 1987 ND Scholastic Chess Champ.

	Chessplayer	School/Team	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Pts.
1	Mystal Evanger	McClusky I	W22	W21	W23	W5	W6	5
2	Kipp Sparrow	McClusky I	W51	W17	W18	W4	W11	5
3	Clay Cover	McClusky I	W31	W12	D11	W34	W14	4½
4	Amber Lindsey	Grimsrud II	W47	W24	W7	L2	W23	4
5	Gerard Nagel	Grimsrud I	W27	W58	W8	L1	W25	4
6	Darren Neff	McClusky I	W35	W45	W13	W14	L1	4
7	Abi Schultz	Northridge "Green"	W38	W55	L4	W16	W27	4
8	Cameron Scott	Dorothy Moses B	W54	W42	L5	W18	W19	4
9	Dan Thrall	Northridge "Green"	L16	W50	W17	W44	W22	4
10	Clint Cover	McClusky III	L20	W56	D12	W28	W31	3½
11	Johnathan Penne	Grimsrud I	W36	W53	D3	W15	L2	3½
12	Matthew Sailer	Pioneer	W48	L3	D10	W37	W30	3½
13	Abel Tello	Grimsrud I	W59	W43	L6	D30	W34	3½
14	Lisa Bliss	Grimsrud II	W30	W20	W44	L6	L3	3
15	Jason Buresh	Dorothy Moses B	W56	L44	W21	L11	W43	3
16	Matthew Johnson	McClusky III	W9	L23	W20	L7	W44	3
17	Scott Leung	Pioneer	W46	L2	L9	W52	W45	3
18	Don Lindsay	Northridge "Gold"	W33	W25	L2	L8	W36	3
19	Missy Miller	Northridge "Green"	L53	W48	W58	W24	L8	3
20	Andrew Rysavy	Dorothy Moses B	W10	L14	L16	W40	W39	3
21	Matthew Schmidt	Pioneer	W49	L1	L15	W38	W41	3
22	Westin Schneider	Pioneer	L1	W38	W29	W39	L9	3
23	Caleb Schultz	Northridge "Green"	W50	W16	L1	W42	L4	3
24	Travis Staton	Pioneer	W28	L4	W55	L19	W42	3
25	Ben Steiner	Dorothy Moses B	W40	L18	W41	W43	L5	3
26	Bradley Wills	McClusky III	D42	W32	D39	L27	W33	3
27	Jeff Bloom	Dorothy Moses A	L5	W40	D31	W26	L7	2½
28	Dustin Jackson	Dorothy Moses C	L24	D33	W47	L10	W51	2½
29	Joseph Jaszkowiak	Northridge "Gold"	L45	W35	L22	D32	W47	2½
30	Trent Naser	McClusky II	L14	W37	W46	D13	L12	2½
31	Shane Richeson	Burlington-Des Lacs	L3	W49	D27	W51	L10	2½
32	Neal Scott	Dorothy Moses A	D39	L26	D33	D29	W53	2½
33	Mike Gilbertson	Grimsrud II	L18	D28	D32	W58	L26	2
34	Sara Anderson	Grimsrud II	L43	W59	W53	L3	L13	2
35	Derrick Brown	Roosevelt	L6	L29	L38	W59	W55	2
36	Hillary Brown	Roosevelt	L11	L41	W50	W56	L18	2
37	Rachel Eelkema	Roosevelt	L44	L30	W54	L12	W56	2
38	Trevor Greig	Grimsrud I	L7	L22	W35	L21	W57	2
39	Rick Haakenson	Dorothy Moses C	D32	W57	D26	L22	L20	2
40	Jerome Jaszkowiak	Northridge "Gold"	L25	L27	W49	L20	W58	2
41	Tyler Krueger	McClusky II	L57	W36	L25	W46	L21	2
42	Pete LaCount	Minot Nedrose	W26	L8	W52	L23	L24	2
43	Tyler Lippert	Pioneer	W34	L13	W45	L25	L15	2
44	Jessica Schaeffer	McClusky II	W37	W15	L14	L9	L16	2
45	Brad Theusch	Minot Nedrose	W29	L6	L43	W55	L17	2
46	Loren Wold	Dorothy Moses A	L17	Bye	L30	L41	W54	2
47	Sam Aadness	McClusky III	L4	D51	L28	W53	L29	1½
48	Michael Dahl	Northridge "Gold"	L12	L19	D59	D57	D52	1½
49	Mellissa Emerson	Dorothy Moses A	L21	L31	L40	D50	W59	1½
50	Travis Grosz	McClusky III	L23	L9	L36	D49	Bye	1½
51	Sommer Hegland	Northridge "Green"	L2	D47	W57	L31	L28	1½
52	Ben Wagner	McClusky II	L55	W54	L42	L17	D48	1½
53	Tann Barker	Pioneer	W19	L11	L34	L47	L32	1
54	Allen Guttormson	Northridge "Gold"	L8	L52	L37	Bye	L46	1
55	Chris Kline	Dorothy Moses C	W52	L7	L24	L45	L35	1
56	David Reek	Northridge "Gold"	L15	L10	Bye	L36	L37	1
57	Tom Wefald	Roosevelt	D41	L39	L51	D48	L38	1
58	Cory Walcker	Dorothy Moses C	Bye	L5	L19	L33	L40	1
59	Zack Jackson	Dorothy Moses C	L13	L34	D48	L35	L49	½

* Elementary Section Award Winners - '87 ND Scholastic *

1st - Mystal Evanger, & Kipp Sparrow, both from McClusky, were the Co-Champions in the elementary section! Mystal Evanger won the 1st place trophy on tiebreak points, Kipp Sparrow took home the 2nd place trophy. Both students won 1 year memberships in the U.S. Chess Federation, and N.D. Chess Association.

Team - McClusky I. Team members were Clay Cover, Mystal Evanger, Kipp Sparrow, and Darren Neff. They received champ. team trophy, and 1 year memberships in the NDCA.

April 11-12

1987 North Dakota Closed

(Our State Chess Championship!)

@Doublewood
Ramada Inn
Bismarck ND

	Chessplayer	City	Rating	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Pts
1	Steve Turmo	Fargo	2095	W19	W11	D9	W3	W5	4½
2	Jerry Triggs	Mandan	1972	W14	W12	D5	D7	W19	4
3	Ronald R. Schauer	Jamestown	1927	W24	W23	W10	L1	D7	3½
4	John Stanfield	Antler	1918	W15	D6	L7	W17	W18	3½
5	Michael Sprague	Minot	1859	W31	W8	D2	W9	L1	3½
6	Brent Askvig	Minot	1791	W21	D4	D16	D12	W22	3½
7	David R. Myers	Bismarck	1764	W26	D16	W4	D2	D3	3½
8	Cal Wipf	Fargo	1745	W34	L5	W31	W23	D9	2½
9	Terry Ness	Bismarck	1885	W28	W13	D1	L5	D6	3
10	John Leitel	Almont	1858	W29	W18	L3	---	W24	3
11	Richard Herr	Wishek	1812	W30	L1	D17	W21	D12	3
12	Cam Starr	Fargo	1799	W32	L2	W14	D6	D11	3
13	Kevin J. Furlong	Minot	1775	W25	L9	W20	W16	L2	3
14	Reuben Lubka	Valley City	1623	L2	W22	L12	W31	W28	3
15	Orhan Erdem	Grand Forks	1577	L4	D33	D30	W32	W33	3
16	Rick Case	Minot	1876	W20	D7	D6	L13	L17	2½
17	Brian Langton	Crary	1721	D22	W19	D11	L4	D16	2½
18	Lee Feldmann	Minot	1694	W27	L10	D29	W30	L4	2½
19	Mike Sailer	Bismarck	1692	L1	L17	W26	D20	W29	2½
20	John Wetsch	Bismarck	1497	L16	W25	L13	D19	W30	2½
21	Neil Wenberg	Minot	1232	L6	D28	W33	L11	W31	2½
22	Philip Kim	Grand Forks	----	D17	L14	W28	W29	L6	2½
23	Dave Lindseth	Rugby	1797	W33	L3	W24	L8	L15	2
24	Marv Johnson	Minot	1592	L3	W32	L23	W25	L10	2
25	Chris Lindseth	Rugby	1171	L13	L20	W27	L24	W34	2
26	Donald Alveshere	Leeds	----	L7	L31	L19	W34	W33	2
27	Ned Schauer	Bismarck	----	L18	L30	L25	Bye	W32	2
28	Joe Gagner	Bismarck	1513	L9	D21	L22	W33	L14	1½
29	Roger Buerkle	Fargo	1423	L10	W34	D18	L22	L19	1½
30	Zane Stearns	Dickinson	1419	L11	W27	D15	L18	L20	1½
31	Dale Sailer	Bismarck	1493	L5	W26	L8	L14	L21	1
32	Silvano Bentzel	Minot	1334	L12	L24	W34	L15	L27	1
33	Rex Kriedeman	Kief	1310	L23	D15	L21	L35	L26	½
34	Steve Dorner	Dickinson	----	L8	L29	L32	L26	L25	0

* TL: Rd. 1, 45/100; Rds. 2-5, 45/2, then 25/1. USCF Rated.
* TD: LaMoyne Splichal, assisted by Ron Schauer.

Award Winners - '87 ND Closed

Steve Turmo - 1987 State Chess Champion
Championship Trophy, $150, & free '88 Closed entry.
Jerry Triggs - 2nd Place Overall Trophy, & $50.
John Stanfield - Class A trophy, and $16.67.
Ron Schauer - $16.67 in Class A.
Michael Sprague- $16.67 in Class A.
David Myers - Class B trophy, and $33.33.
Brent Askvig - $33.33 in Class B.
Cal Wipf - $33.33 in Class B.
Orhan Erdem - Class C trophy, and $50.
John Wetsch - 2nd in Class C, won $30.
Marv Johnson - 3rd in Class C, won $20.
Philip Kim - Class D-E-Unr. trophy, & $40.
Neil Wenberg - shared 1st in D-E-Unr., won $40.
Chris Lindseth - $6.67 won in Class D-E-Unr.
Don Alveshere - $6.67 won in Class D-E-Unr.
Ned Schauer - $6.67 won in Class D-E-Unr.

Largest Prize Fund in ND Tournament History! * Class Trophies, plus $550.00 awarded !!!

MY BEST GAME OF 1986

by

Reuben N. Lubka, Valley City, ND

This game was played at a simultaneous exhibition given by senior master Chuck Schalien (2453). Schalien played a total of 25 opponents, including myself. Nevertheless I was very proud of this game as out of the 25, including several masters and experts present, only 2 draws and two losses were incurred against Schalien.

Simultaneous Exhibition, February 25, 1986

White: SM Schalien
Black: Lubka
annotations by R. Lubka

1. Nf3, Nf6
2. c4 , e6
3. g3 , b6 -the Queens Indian defense-black comprimises his center for counterplay through piece control of the e4 square
4. e3 , Bb7
5.Bg2 , c5 -black now confronts whites center
6. Nc3, d5
7. Ne5, Be7
8. 0-0 , 0-0
9. Bb2, Nbd7 ?? - the customary move in this position is Nbd7. The text move cramps the working action of blacks pieces and causes an ensuing bottle-neck on the d5-c5 squares
10.cd ,Nxd5
11.dc ,Bxc5 - both of these captures seemed preferrable to allowing an isolated or hanging pawn position for black
12.e2 ,Qe7 - reinforcing the d5 square with a piece again, to avoid pawn isolation and allowing white to think he can confidently drive back my bishop with b4 but...
13.b4 ,Bxe3!!
14.fe ,Nxe3
15.Qe2,Nxf1
16.Rxf1, Nd5 - now that the rubble has cleared, I assess my position as follows: I have a rock and two pawns for bishop and knight, and my passed e-pawn is strong. I must try to force exchanges and hasten to an ending where my prospects are good. Meanwhile, hopefully white's piece advantage won't chew me up to bad.
17.Nxd5,Bxd5
18.Qe3 ,f6 - all whites pieces are suddenly trained on my kingside and I am now really beginning to squirm but..
19.Qd4,-----this apparently strong centralizing move fortunately allows black to proceed with his plan and force the queens off the board
-Bxf3 !!
20.Rxf3,Qxd4
21.Bxd4,Rad8
22.Bf2 ,Rf7 - planning to double rooks by Rfd7
23.Bg3, Kf8 ?? - Black is apparently over come with a severe attack of day-dreaming and gives away a free pawn. Miracles do happen though, and the resulting cleared d-file proves to be the only real reason for the upcoming problems for white!
24.Bxa7, Rd1+
25.Kf2,---- Rf1 would have been much safer
e5 --it's bad enough that white has the bishop pair-this pawn push neutralizes the action of whites queen bishop at least for awhile
26.Be3, Rf1+- black now owns the d-file
27.Kf3, ----this move is not good at all. While the king is working his way towards the center, he underestimates potential threats
Ke7
28.Bf5,---this move proves to be whites blunder that gives away his probable win. Honestly Chuck is a vastly superior player and I can assume that he would squeeze a win out of me just because of his superior technique in endgame play.
Rf1+ -- now white is in a real bind because either Kg4 or Kd4 loses his bishop on f5 to Rd4+ so..

..."Oh well, I'll get an easier pairing in round four, and then I will have 3½ ...(and not have to play Furmo...?) for four...and be sitting right..." His easier pairing (lower-ranked anyway) turned around and bit him one. All a C-class or lower player regards an "A" player as is a "walking reservoir" of points... and it is much easier for them to take the points from You...than their own kin! Part of my play-ing the best that I could was to avoid playing as many lower ranked players as I could.(!).

A strange sort of 'restlessness' began to affect me (and Terry Hess too...!) in round four. I think that being confined in a fairly crowded room for long periods of time might tend to make one slightly claustrophobic... I think that, ideally, a tournament room should be large, on the ground floor, and have lots of windows...(preferrably by a college campus where lots of pretty coeds walk along... so you have something agreeable to to rest your eyes on!). (The only other small criticue was that the bathroom was half-a-league away...!..but it does stretch your legs.)

Now...as for what was played, by whom, and how it fared may I suggest that you buy the Tournament Book when it comes out...how else will you know what to prepare for? --I know that we, who played, had a lot of fun doing it.

--Michael Sprague

TOURNAMENT CIRCUIT

May 9 — Dragon Variations
Comstock Memorial Union, Moorhead State University, Moorhead, MN 4SS, TL:30/1, 20/30, SD. Reg: 9-9:30 Rds.: 10-1-4-7. EF: $8.00 Prizes as per entries. MSCA required. EXQ, NC, W, NS

May 16 — PAWN WARS 87-1
Elk's Lodge, Bismarck, ND
3SS, TL: 40/100, 15/30. Rds.: 10-2-6 with 2nd and 3rd rounds being played sooner if possible. EF: $5.00, USCF and NDCA memb. req. Trophy for winner of overall PAWN WAR Series. Cash prizes as per turnout. NC, NS

June 13-14 — REGION 6
(See ad in CHESS LIFE)

June 27-28 — INTERNATIONAL TEAM MATCH AND TORNADO
Fargo Oak Grove High School, 124 N. Terrace, Fargo, ND

Tornado: Saturday
4SS, Reg: 9-9:30, Rds: Tentative 10/1/4/7:30, EF: Tentative $10.
MSCA Memberships not required for Tornado.

Team Match: Sunday
Time: 12:00, EF: None, Minnesota Players must have MSCA Membership, North Dakota Players must have NDCA Membership.

For further details, or to sign up as part of the North Dakota Team, contact Cal Mipf, 714 19th Ave., South, Fargo, ND 58102, or call (701) 293-1121.

June 26-July 5 — World Open
(See ad in CHESS LIFE)

Aug. 2-14 — U.S. OPEN
Portland, Oregon
(See ad in CHESS LIFE)

Aug. — PAWN WARS 87-2
(Details not yet available.)

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